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**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF ORANGE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



*W. W. Fulkerson*

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2005**



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## **SELECTMEN**

Scott Sanborn '08 \* Charles Sova'06 \* William Fulton'07

**MODERATOR**      **TOWN CLERK**      **TREASURER**

Daniel Hazelton'06      Patricia White      Linda Giner

**TAX**

**DEEDING**

**ROAD**

**COLLECTOR**

**AGENT**

**AGENT**

Sharon Proulx

Sharon Proulx

George White

**SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE** Charles Sova

**OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE** Selectmen

## **TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

Edith Sova' 08 \* Louis Shelzi'06 \* Alice Smith 07

**CEMETERY**

**HEALTH**

**POLICE**

**AGENT**

**OFFICER**

**CHIEF**

Edwin Saulen

Donald Pfaefflin

Andrew Ware

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Robert Proulx, Chairman \* Robert Ells, Vice Chairman

Katharine Riley \* Scott Sanborn \* George Smith \* Lyell Smith

William Fulton , Selectmens' Representative

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Donald Pfaefflin, Chairman \* Judith Connelly \* Beverly Ells

Richard Jaeger \* Charles Sova, Selectmen's Representative

## **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Barbara Smith ' 06 \* Beverly Ells' 10

## **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Patricia Mercer' 06 \* Anita Watson' 07

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN** Brent Stevens

**DEPUTY WARDENS** Daniel Hazelton

**AUDITORS** Bruce Ells, Catherine Ells

**BUILDING INSPECTOR** Donald Pfaefflin

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Robert Proulx'08 \* Tim Connelly'06 \* Lyell Smith'07

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF ORANGE  
TOWN WARRANT**

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, in the county of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** to meet at the Town House in said Orange on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 2006, at eleven o'clock a.m. to act upon the following subjects. The polls will open for the election of Town Officers at 11 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. unless the Meeting votes to extend the time.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose by ballot and plurality vote 1 Moderator for 2 years, 1 Selectman for three years, 1 Town Clerk for one year, 1 Town Treasurer for one year, 1 Cemetery Agent for one year, 1 Overseer of Public Welfare for one year, 1 Budget Committee Member for three years, 2 Auditors for one year, 1 Road Agent for one year, 1 Tax Collector for one year, 1 Health Officer for one year, 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for two years, 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for six years, 1 Deeding Agent for one year, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for three years and any other officers required by law.

**ARTICLE 2:** (By official ballot) To see if the town will amend the Orange Zoning Ordinance to include the three amendments as proposed by the Planning Board. This article will be voted on by official ballot which will contain the following questions:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Orange Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 1 adds a new ARTICLE XI. SHORE LAND OVERLAY DISTRICT and adds associated definitions to ARTICLE X.

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Orange Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 2 adds a new ARTICLE XII. WETLANDS CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT and adds associated definitions to ARTICLE X.

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Orange Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

The Planning Board’s Amendment No. 3 adds a new ARTICLE XIII. AQUIFER PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICT and adds associated definitions to ARTICLE X.

Topical description: These amendments are designed to preserve and protect the community’s important water resources: the shore land around ponds and lakes and along brooks and streams, the wetlands, and the aquifers.

The following articles will be discussed and acted upon at the business meeting, which will start at 7 p.m.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% except for resident taxes on taxes paid in full within twenty days from the date of the bills pursuant to RSA 80:52 on the

condition that the taxpayer deduct the discount at time of payment.  
(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a revaluation of property.  
(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)  
(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 dollars to be paid into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve for the purpose of purchasing highway related equipment.  
(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)  
(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise the Veteran's Tax Credit from \$100 to \$200 as provided in RSA 72:28 II, effective in tax year 2006.  
(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant Fund of \$29,416.26 for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class 4 or 5 highways and for the purchase of equipment. Said amount to be included in Article 15.  
(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)  
(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE).

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a new capital reserve fund to be known as the Town Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining Town roads and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be paid into the Town Road

Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of maintaining Town roads.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)  
(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be paid into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Town House building improvements.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)  
(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to establish the following wage schedule:

Annual Compensation

Selectman (3)	\$1500
Treasurer	\$1000
Town Clerk	\$900
Tax Collector	\$1200
Moderator	\$75
(Supervisors of the Checklist (3)	\$50 )
Budget Committee (3)	\$100
Auditor (2)	\$120
Trustee of Trust Funds (3)	\$100

Hourly Compensation

Selectmen's Secretary	\$10.00
Road Agent	\$12.00
Police Chief	\$13.00
Cemetery Agent	\$9.00
Health Officer	\$9.00
Building Inspector	\$9.00

Election Officials per Election

Moderator	\$75.00
Town Clerk	\$50.00
Supervisors of the Checklist (3)	\$50.00

Ballot Clerk (2)	\$50.00
Selectman (3)	\$50.00
Fee Based Compensation (per transaction)	
Town Clerk	
Dog Tags	\$0.50
Motor Vehicle Titles	\$2.00
Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$1.00
Tax Collector	
Impending Tax Lien Notice	\$10.00
Impending Tax Lien List	\$2.00
Taxpayer Tax Lien Execution	\$10.00
Parcel Tax Lien Execution	\$2.00
Deed of Redemption Notice	\$2.00
Impending Tax Deed Notice	\$10.00
Mortgage Tax Deed Notice	\$10.00

Appropriations necessary to fulfill this article are contained in Article 15.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)  
(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 79-A:25, II, to place all future revenue collected from the land use change tax in a conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III ? The revenues shall be deposited in the conservation fund at the time of collection.

(By petition)

**ARTICLE 12:** Pursuant to a petition of 10 or more legal voters, to see if the Town will vote to establish a Conservation Commission, consisting of 5 members and 1 alternate to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen as authorized by RSA 36-A:2. The purpose of the commission will be to promote the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of the watershed resources of Orange.

(By petition)

**ARTICLE 13:** Pursuant to a petition of 10 or more legal voters, to see if the Town will vote to designate the undeveloped portion of Burnt Hill Road starting at the intersection with Cardigan Mountain Road to a distance of 1.4 miles at the entrance of the Senter Gravel Pit as scenic under the provisions of RSA 231:157 and 158, for the purposes of protecting and enhancing the scenic beauty of Orange.

(By petition)

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of two acres of land adjacent to the Orange Town House from the Terhune Family Limited Partnership. The land will be maintained as an undeveloped natural woodland buffer around the Town House to protect and preserve its scenic and historic setting in a permanent manner. The Selectmen are authorized to execute such documents and take such other action as may be necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this vote.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$213,675 for town expenses as called for by the budget, submitted by the Budget Committee, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

**ARTICLE 16:** To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers and pass any vote relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 17:** To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting not on the warrant.

**ARTICLE 18:** Polls shall not close earlier than eight o'clock in the evening.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL THIS TWENTY  
SEVENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR  
LORD TWO THOUSAND AND SIX.

William R. Fulton      Scott Sanborn      Charles E. Sova

**ORANGE TOWN BUDGET  
PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION**

	<b>Approp 2005</b>	<b>Expend 2005</b>	<b>Approp 2006</b>
<b>General Government</b>			
Officers Salaries	\$11,888	\$11,986	\$12,000
Elections & Registration	575	698	1,800
Property Reappraisal	22,700	18,840	5,000
Legal Expenses	5,000	2,000	5,000.
FICA Payments	2,935	2,485	3,000.
Planning and Zoning	3,000	1,820	3,850.
General Gov't Bldg.	4,000	3,160	6,000.
Cemeteries	2,637	1,136	2,400.
Insurance	3,600	4,343	4,500
Membership	900	847	900
Officers Expenses	3,000	2,913	3,000
<b>Public Safety</b>			
Police Department	16,000	15,631	13,000
FAST Squad (Canaan)	3,600	3,600	3,600
Fire Department	13,500	14,271	15,000
Building Inspection	1,539	0	3,000
Emergency Mgmt. E911	100	478	100
<b>Highway &amp; Streets</b>			
Highway	75,800	92,151	86,000
<b>Sanitation</b>			
Garbage Removal	22,000	21,015	24,000
<b>Health</b>			
Grafton County Senior Citizens & Mascoma Home Health	2,826	2,000	3,275.00

	Approp 2005	Expend 2005	Approp 2006
Welfare			
Direct Assistance	1,500	0.0	1,500
Culture and Recreation			
Library	4,000	0.0	8,000
Other	350	327	350
Conservation			
Timber Harvest Monitor	400	0.0	900
Conservation Commission			
Debt Service			
Road Bond	23,576.43	23,576.43	0.0
Road Bond Interest	806.01	625.01	0.0
Capital Outlay			
Town House	<u>4,500</u>	<u>5,962</u>	<u>4,500</u>
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>230,732.44</b>	<b>229,864.44</b>	<b>210,675.00</b>
Special Warrant Articles			
Reappraisal Fund	5,000.	5,000	5,000
Town House Fund	2,000	2,000	2,000
Highway Equip. Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000
Document Pres. Fund	2,000.	2,000	0.0
Town Roads Imp. Fund	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<b>Subtotals</b>			<b>\$17,000.00</b>

## SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimate 2005	Actual 2005	Estimate 2006
Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax	0	4,500.00	1,500.00
Resident Taxes	2,000.00	30.00	00.00
Yield taxes	3,500.00	7,590.35	4,000.00
Int. & Pen. on			
Delinquent taxes	1,800.00	2,773.72	2,000.00
Inventory Penalties	100.00	260.00	100.00
Licenses, Permits & Fees			
Motor vehicle			
permit fees	41,000.00	48,800.00	46,000.00
Building Permits	200.00	85.00	100.00
Other licenses, permits & fees	500.00	715.98	650.00
From Federal Government	0	4,617.02	0
From State			
Shared Revenue	2,800.00	2,802.00	2,800.00
Rooms & Meals			
Tax Dist.	9,000.00	10,926.87	10,000.00
Highway Block			
Grant	29,416.26	29,416.26	28,684.38
State & Fed. Forest			
Land Reimb	8,000.00	7,040.08	7,000.00
Other (HAVA)	00.00	150.00	0.0
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	00	0	0
Interest on			
investments	500.00	385.19	300.00
Other (Municipal Fees)	600.00	728.00	600.00

Operating Transfers			
From Capital			
Reserve (Reappraisal)	22,700.00	22,700.00	00
<b>Total Estimated</b>			
<b>Revenue &amp; Credits</b>	<b>\$122,116.26</b>	<b>\$143,520.47</b>	<b>\$103,734.38</b>

## SUMMARY OF VALUATION

**As of December 31, 2005**

Land	10,793,272
Buildings-Residential	11,077,492
Public Utilities	<u>374,122</u>
	\$22,244,886

## TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR 2005

<b>Starting Cash 1/1/2005</b>	<b>\$161,164.89</b>
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### RECEIPTS FROM SELECTMEN:

#### Licenses/permits/fees

Transfer Re-Evaluation Account	\$22,700.00
Timber Bond	1,000.00
Cemetery Plots	300.00
Town House Rental	100.00
Building Permits	85.00
Recording Fees	65.48
Pistol Permits	60.00
Payment of Annexation Expenses	46.10
Driveway Permits	30.00
Copies	14.00
Zoning Regulations	10.00

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:**

Highway Block Grant	\$29,416.26
Rooms & Meals Reimbursement	10,926.87
Forest & Land Reimbursement	7,040.08
FEMA Funds	4,617.02
Shared Revenue	2,802.00
HAVA	150.00

**TOTAL FROM SELECTMEN:   \$79,362.81**

**RECEIPTS FROM TOWN CLERK:**

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$48,666.00
Motor Vehicle Titles	134.00
Dog Licenses Issued	475.50
Dog License Late Fees	14.00
Municipal Fees	728.00
Filing Fees	8.00
Marriage Licenses	38.00
Returned Check Fee	25.00
NH Street Township Allocation	45.00

**TOTAL FROM TOWN CLERK               \$50,133.50**

**RECEIPTS FROM TAX COLLECTOR:**

2005 Property Tax	\$420,436.23
2005 Property Tax Overpayment	19.01
2004 Property Tax	34,307.24
2004 Property Tax Interest	1,945.02

2004 Costs	745.00
2005 Resident Tax	10.00
2004 Resident Tax	20.00
2004 Resident Tax Penalty	2.00
2005 Yield Tax	7,590.35
2005 Yield Tax Interest	81.70
Current Use Change Tax	4,500.00

**Sub Total :** **\$469,656.55**

2002 Tax Liens Redeemed	\$5,696.82
Interest & Costs	2,244.31
2004 Tax Liens Redeemed	128.15
Interest & Costs	4.00

**TOTAL FROM TAX COLLECTOR:** **\$477,728.83**

**Receipts from Bank:** Mascoma Savings Bank

Interest Money Market	\$ 372.17
Interest Maximizer (road acct)	9.77
Interest Checking Account	3.25
Tax Anticipation Note	83,000.00
*** Service Charge MMA	(5.00)

**Totals From Bank** **\$ 83,380.19**

**GRAND TOTAL OF ALL RECEIPTS** **\$690,605.33**

**FUNDS DISBURSED:**

Vouchers paid per order of Selectmen	\$488,427.43
Principal owed Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 83,000.00
Interest Tax anticipation Note	\$ 779.82

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** \$572,207.25

**CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2005** \$279,562.97

**BORROWED FUNDS 2005**

Tax Anticipation Note	\$200,000.00
Principal Amount Borrowed	83,000.00

**ROAD MAINTAINANCE NOTE**

Balance 12/31/2005	\$ 00.00
Interest Paid in 2005	727.92

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**  
**LINDA J. GINER, TREASURER**  
**TOWN OF ORANGE**

**TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005**

<b>DEBITS:</b>			
<b>Uncollected Taxes-</b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>	<b><u>2004</u></b>	<b><u>2003</u></b>
<b>Beg. of Year:</b>			
Property Taxes		\$ 34,605.69	0.00
Resident Taxes		90.00	20.00
Yield Tax		0 .00	0.00
<b>Taxes Committed-</b>			
<b>This Year:</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 464877.26	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	4,500.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	7,590.35	0.00	0.00
<b>Overpayment:</b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>	<b><u>2004</u></b>	<b><u>2003</u></b>

Property Taxes	11.93	7.08	0.00
Resident Taxes prepay	10.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Costs</b>		745.00	0.00
Interest-Late Tax	81.70	1,945.02	0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	0.00	2.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$477,071.24</b>	<b>\$37,394.79</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

### **CREDITS:**

<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>	<b><u>2004</u></b>	<b><u>2003</u></b>
Property Taxes	420,436.23	34,307.24	0.00
Resident Taxes	10.00	20.00	0.00
Land Use Tax	4,500.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	7,590.35	0.00	0.00
Interest - Property & Costs	81.70.	2,690.02	0.00
Penalties – Resident Tax & Costs	0.00	2.00	0.00
Property Tax Overpayment	11.93	7.08	0.00
<b>Discounts Allowed</b>	<b>\$12,163.67</b>	<b>83 .84</b>	

### **Abatements Made:**

Property Taxes	0.00	214.61	0.00
Resident Taxes	0.00	70.00	20.00

### **Uncollected Taxes-End of Year**

Property Taxes	32,277.36.	0.00	0.00
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<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$477,071.24</b>	<b>\$37,394.79</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
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### **DEBITS:**

<b>Levies of:</b>	<b><u>2004</u></b>	<b><u>2003</u></b>	<b><u>2002</u></b>
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	0.00	4,489.26	5,695.82

Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	3,975.33	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs Collected	4.00	0.00	2,244.731
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$3,979.33</b>	<b>\$4,489.26</b>	<b>\$7,940.13</b>

## CREDITS

<b>Remitted to Treasurer:</b>	<u><b>2004</b></u>	<u><b>2003</b></u>	<u><b>2002</b></u>
Redemptions	\$128.15	0.00	\$5,695.82
Interest & Costs Collected	4.00	0.00	2,244.31
Unredeemed Liens	3,847.18	4,489.26	0.00
Balance End of Year			
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$3,979.33</b>	<b>\$4,489.26</b>	<b>\$7,940.13</b>

**Sharon Lee Proulx, Tax Collector**  
**Town of Orange**

## TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS Ending December 31, 2005

<u>Capital Reserve</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Ending</u>
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance</u>				<u>Balance</u>
<b>Highway Equip. Account #68015516</b>					
	\$12,337.04 -		- \$282.86 -		\$12,619.90

Created: 4/19/01 – Mascoma Savings Bank  
Interest Rate: 1.39% APY: 1.40% thru 4/21/05  
New Rate: 2.71% APY: 2.75% thru 12/31/05  
Maturity Date: 3/25/06

<b>Highway Equip. Account #68059994</b>	
\$ 0.00 -- \$5,000.00 -- \$85.91 --	\$5,085.91

Created: 3/31/05 – Mascoma Savings Bank

Interest Rate: 2.23% APY: 2.25% thru 10/31/05

New Rate: 2.47% APY: 2.50% through 12/31/05

Maturity Date: 5/31/06

Warrant Article #4 March 8,2005 (New Funds \$5,000.00)

**Revaluation Account #68015515**

\$28,840.59 - \$5,000.00-\$395.30-\$22,700.00- \$11,535.89

Created: 4/19/01– Mascoma Savings

Interest Rate: 1.39% APY 1.40% thru 3/25/05

New Rate:1.24% APY 1.25% from 10/7/05

Rate error: 1.00% 11/7/05 through 11/14/05 (wrong maturity/rate at MSB)

New Rate: 2.47% APY: 2.50% through 12/31/05

Maturity Date: 5/14/06

Warrant Article #3, March 8,2005 (New Funds \$5,000.00)

Funds Expended: \$22,700.00 for Revaluation (11/7/05)

**Town House Account #68012181**

\$10,683.68 -- \$2000.00--\$245.78                      \$12,929.46

Created: 5/22/00– Mascoma Savings Bank

Interest Rate: 1.39% APY 1.40% thru 3/23/05

New Rate: 2.23% APY 2.25% from 10/31/05

New Rate:1.00% 10/31/05-11/14/05 (waiting for Revaluation bills)

New Rate: 2.47%APY: 2.50% through 12/31/05

Maturity Date: 5/14/06

Warrant Article #5, March 8,2005 (New Funds \$2,000.00)

**Town Document Preservation Account #68021143**

\$3,063.20 -- \$2,000.00 ---\$97.91                      \$5,161.11

Created: 3/27/03 – Mascoma Savings Bank

Interest Rate: 1.39% APY 1.40% through 3/27/05

New Rate 2.23% APY: 2.25% through 10/31/05

New Rate: 2.47% APY: 2.50% through 12/31/05

Maturity Date: 5/31/06

Warrant Article #8, March 8,2005 (New Funds \$2,000)

Report Submitted by Trustees of Trust Funds  
Alice Smith, Edith Sova, & Louis Shelzi

**REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND  
INVESTMENTS FOR 2005 OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**PRINCIPAL**

<u>Date Created</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>Balance 1/1/05</u>	<u>12/31/05</u>
8/23/15	Hannah M. French	200.00	200.00
5/02/17	Jennie M. French	200.00	200.00
3/28/33	Arthur A. Briggs	100.00	100.00
3/27/34	Clara A. Hus	100.00	100.00
8/09/34	Asa Hoyt	100.00	100.00
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	250.00	250.00
3/13/56	Abbie Fellows	250.00	250.00
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford	250.00	250.00
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs.Charles Ford	250.00	250.00
3/13/56	Lyman Batchelder	100.00	100.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1,800.00</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>

**INCOME**

Interest Rate: 1/01/05-12/31/05 = 2.71% APY: 2.75%

<u>Date Created</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>Balance 1/1/05</u>	<u>Interest</u>
8/23/15	Hannah M. French	729.25	23.49
5/02/17	Jennie M. French	1,035.23	23.48
3/28/33	Arthur A. Briggs	336.42	11.95
3/27/34	Clara A. Huse	299.20	11.95
8/09/34	Asa Hoyt	311.42	11.95
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	876.27	29.68

3/13/56	Abbie Fellows	1,034.55	29.68
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford	1,062.89	29.68
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs.Charles Ford	1,121.75	29.67
3/13/56	Lyman Batchelder	309.51	11.95
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$7,116.51</b>	<b>\$213.48</b>

**REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND  
INVESTMENTS FOR 2005 OF THE  
TOWN OF ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

<u>Date Created</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>12/31/05</u>
8/23/15	Hannah M. French	952.76	
5/02/17	Jennie M. French	1,258.71	
3/28/33	Arthur A. Briggs	448.37	
3/27/34	Clara A. Huse	411.15	
8/09/34	Asa Hoyt	423.37	
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	1,155.95	
3/13/56	Abbie Fellows	1,314.23	
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford	1,342.57	
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs.Charles Ford	1,401.42	
3/13/56	Lyman Batchelder	421.46	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$9,129.99</b>	

Cemetery Trust Funds held in Common Trust Account  
Mascoma Savings Bank, Account # 386005459  
Interest Rate: 1.39% APY: 1.40% thru 3/02/05  
New Rate: 2.71% APY: 2.75% through 12/31/05  
Certificate Matures 2/02/06  
Balance on 12/31/05 was \$9,129.99

**ERNEST KILTON BARNARD MEMORIAL FUND  
TOWN OF ORANGE CEMETERY TRUST**

<u>Date Created</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
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12/26/02	\$10,797.54	\$270.01	<b>\$11,067.55</b>
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Funds held in Mascoma Savings Bank Acct # 68020124

New Rate: 2.47% APY: 2.50% thru 12/31/05

Certificate Matures: 9/23/06

Balance on 12/31/05 was \$11,067.55

Alice Smith, Edith Sova, & Louis Shelzi, Trustees of Trust Funds

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK  
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2005**

392 Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$48,666.00
47 Titles	134.00
Municipal Fees	728.00
74 Dog Permits	475.50
Dog Penalties	14.00
Bank Penalties	25.00
Filing Fees	8.00
Marriage Licenses	38.00
Township Allocation	45.00
<b>Total deposits</b>	<b>\$50,133.50</b>

**VITAL STATISTICS 2005**

**MARRIAGES**

Steven J. Cotting to Maria L. Navarra	January 8, 2005
Brian L. O'Dougherty to Cindy A. Picken	September 24, 2005

## **BIRTHS**

Riley Jane Leva

February 25, 2005

Born To: Brian & Peggy Sue Leva

Rosina Maxine Lee Bennett

September 25, 2005

Born To: Robert & Erin Bennett

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Selectmen of Orange, New Hampshire  
Year Ending December 31, 2005

We extend our thanks once again to the Town Officials for their cooperation and assistance in carrying out the 2005 audit. Their time and effort is most appreciated.

First of all we were pleased to see that our recommendation from last year was carried out. As of year-end, all expenditures for the Police Officer for 2005 had been submitted to the selectmen for payment. We appreciate the Police Officer's cooperation in providing invoices to the selectmen in a timelier manner. As per the contract, monthly submissions should continue going forward. As a result of this years audit, we have a couple of recommendations.

First, we recommend that all deposits by the Town Clerk be made into the Town's money market account. Due to a change in checking account regulations, interest can't be earned on the checking account. The frequency of the deposits should be weekly. The treasurer will move funds into the checking account as needed to cover the Town's expenditures.

Secondly, we recommend the Trustee of Trust Funds develop a formal document or voucher to be used for expenditures of income from the funds. This voucher should be signed by at least 2 of the 3 selectmen and state the reason for the withdrawal.

We are required as part of our audit to verify that proper vouchers were produced to support expenditures.

All of the Town’s accounts balanced, and no adjustments were required as a result of this years audit. In our opinion, the Officer’s reports accurately reflect the financial position of the Town of Orange for the year ending December 31, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine A. Ells  
Auditor, Town of Orange

Bruce E. Ells  
Auditor, Town of Orange

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

**As of December 31, 2005**

Town Hall & Land	244,800.00
Other Town Properties	
Land	99,760.00
Furniture & Equipment	10,000.00
Library - Books and Equipment	2,000.00
Police Department	2,000.00
Highway Department	41,000.00
Cemetery Department	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$401,060.00

Number of Inventories Distributed 2005 279

Tax Rate Per \$1,000.00	
Municipal	\$ 4.21
County	\$ 1.24
School	\$10.19
State Property	<u>\$ 2.02</u>
TOTAL	\$17.66

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF VOUCHERS

### TOWN OFFICER SALARIES

Catherine Ells	\$ 120.00
Bruce Ells	\$ 120.00
Lyell Smith	\$ 100.00
Pat White	\$2,820.50
Tim Connelly	\$ 100.00
Robert Proulx	\$ 100.00
Carol Decato	\$ 570.00
Daniel Hazelton	\$ 75.00
Sharon Proulx	\$1,580.00
Linda Giner	\$1,000.00
Alice Smith	\$ 100.00
Louis Shelzi	\$ 100.00
Edith Sova	\$ 100.00
William Fulton	\$1,500.00
Scott Sanborn	\$1,500.00
Charles Sova	\$1,500.00
Gary Hamel	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
	\$11,985.50

### TOWN OFFICER EXPENSES

Robert Proulx	\$129.60
Joel Dupuis, Register	\$120.96
Postmaster	\$177.00
McBee	\$166.51
The Cardigan	\$80.00
Pat White	\$707.93
Charles Sova	\$456.92
Staples	\$46.91
Endor	\$200.00
Carol Decato	\$41.10
State of NH Animal	\$172.50
Poster Compliance Ctr	\$64.90
Town Clerks Assn.	\$20.00
Sharon Proulx	\$155.23

NH Tax Coll. Assn.	\$20.00
Gnomon Copy	\$87.80
NH Health Officers Assn.	\$30.00
Treasurer, State of NH	\$38.00
Marilyn Johnson	\$52.34
NH Secretary of State	\$38.00
Stark and Son	\$49.00
Primedea	<u>\$57.95</u>
	\$2,912.65

## **PLANNING AND ZONING**

The Cardigan	\$48.00
Katherine Riley	\$63.95
UVLSRPC	\$1,125.00
Robert Proulx	\$481.45
Valley News	\$79.18
Eagle Publications	<u>\$21.95</u>
	\$1,819.53

## **TOWN HALL EXPENSES**

Charles Sova	\$19.94
Defiance Electric	\$75.00
Enfield Hardware	\$159.74
JBC Septic	\$245.00
Marilyn Johnson	\$45.02
NHEC	\$939.70
Pat White	\$299.98
Suburban Energy	\$616.21
Valley Sewer Service	\$237.00
Verizon	<u>\$522.89</u>
	\$3,160.48

## **MEMBERSHIP**

UVLSRPC	\$313.95
NHMA	<u>\$533.45</u>
	\$847.40

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Andrew Ware	\$14,552.75
Grafton County Sheriff's Dpt	\$1,000.00
Ossipee Mtn. Electronics	<u>\$78.40</u>
	\$15,631.15

## **HIGHWAYS - SUMMER**

Canaan Hardware	\$100.26
George White	\$4,568.62
Evans Motor Fuels	\$360.51
Don's Sport & Power	\$22.00
Twin State Sand & Gravel	\$608.17
Richard Remacle	\$20,127.96
F.C. Hammond	\$252.71
Pike Industies	\$137.64
Hawkensen Equipment	\$500.31
Better Roads	<u>\$24.00</u>
	\$26,702.18

## **HIGHWAYS - WINTER**

Evans Motor Fuels	\$600.00
George White	\$3,958.00
Richard Remacle	\$56,009.70
Shaker Valley Auto	\$171.65
Kibby Equipment	\$58.95
Flanders & Patch	\$4,331.42
Don's Sport & Power	\$69.50
David Bazilchuk	<u>\$250.00</u>
	\$65,449.22

## **CEMETERY**

Edward Saulen	<u>\$1,136.14</u>
	\$1,136.14

## **ELECTION & REGISTRATION EXPENSE**

The Cardigan	\$48.00
Daniel Hazelton	\$150.00
Carol Decato	\$25.00
Gary Hamel	\$50.00

Edith Sova	\$50.00
Barbara Smith	\$100.00
Beverly Ells	\$100.00
William Fulton	\$50.00
Scott Sanborn	\$25.00
Charles Sova	\$50.00
Pat White	<u>\$50.00</u>
	\$698.00
<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>	
Senior Citizens Council	\$500.00
Visiting Nurse VT & NH	\$1,200.00
West Central Behavioral	<u>\$300.00</u>
	\$2,000.00
<b>INSURANCE &amp; SOCIAL SECURITY</b>	
IRS	\$2,485.27
Primex	\$1,457.29
LGC Property-Liability	<u>\$2,885.39</u>
	\$6,827.95
<b>LEGAL</b>	
Gardner & Fulton	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	\$2,000.00
<b>SANITATION</b>	
Town of Canaan	\$3,175.00
Plymouth Village W&S	\$100.00
NE Waste Services	<u>\$17,740.12</u>
	\$21,015.12
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>	
Gary Hamel	\$77.58
Gnomon Copy	<u>\$249.20</u>
	\$326.78
<b>PAYMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DIVISIONS</b>	
MVRSD	\$202,644.63
Grafton County	<u>\$33,305.00</u>
	\$235,949.63

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE TAX ADMINISTRATION GRANT**

Grant	\$12,000.00
Balance Carried Over	\$5,850.42
Expenses-Computer	\$1,068.00
Modem	<u>\$84.92</u>
Total	\$1,152.92
Balance Carried Over	\$4,697.50

The balance carried over may be used to update the computerized tax maps and acquire any needed computer hardware or software to access the files.

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board had a busy and productive year working on the top priority goals and recommendations to implement the new Orange Master Plan. This report will highlight what has been accomplished over the past twelve months.

At the 2005 Town Meeting, the voters authorized the Planning Board to review site plans for non-residential, commercial, and multi-residential development. After several months of research, review, and revisions, and after a public hearing on June 22, the Board voted to adopt Site Plan Review Regulations. Single-family and two-family residences will not be affected in any way by these regulations since they are both permitted uses under the Orange Zoning Ordinance. The adoption of Site Plan Review Regulations will provide Orange with another important tool to help guide the future growth and development of our community.

After lengthy research and review, the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen in a joint effort adopted an official policy regarding the issuance of building permits on Class VI and private roads. The basic purpose of this policy is to prevent “scattered and pre-mature development”, and to control the costly effects on municipal services that “scattered and pre-mature development” would require of the Town.

The Natural Resources Inventory Committee under the leadership of Kip Riley, has continued to research, develop, and

publish a comprehensive Natural Resources Inventory for Orange that identifies our water resources, forest resources, conservation lands, prime agricultural lands, wildlife habitat, as well as our special cultural and historical resources. The committee, composed of Rosemary Haness, Sal Guadagnino, Dave Stacy, Dick Jaeger, and Scott Sanborn, has completed the second draft of the inventory and will finalize it over the next few months. This detailed and mapped inventory will be used to help protect all of our natural and historic resources from adverse development. The other important accomplishment of this committee was to initiate a petition to the New Hampshire Department of Safety requesting a public hearing to consider a ban on the use of petroleum-powered motor boats on Orange Pond. The testimony at the June 27<sup>th</sup> hearing was unanimously in favor of the ban, and focused on the issues of the small size and shallow depth of the pond, preserving the water quality, protecting the wildlife habitat, and the safety of swimmers and those using row boats, canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, and electric-powered motor boats. As a result of the public hearing testimony, a ban on the use of motorized vessels using petroleum based power on Orange Pond was ordered by the New Hampshire Department of Safety.

For the past year, the Board has been working with Ken McWilliams, Principal Planner at the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, to identify and develop amendments and additions to the Orange Zoning Ordinance that are needed to truly implement the recommendations of the Orange Master Plan. After months of study and review, the board decided to bring four proposed amendments to a series of public hearings held in November, December and January. The four amendments are designed to preserve and protect the wetlands, the aquifers, the shore land around ponds and lakes and along brooks and streams, and the steep slope areas. The four amendments would establish the following overlay districts to our present zoning ordinance: Aquifer Protection Overlay District, Wetlands Conservation Overlay District, Shore Land Overlay District, and Steep Slopes

Overlay District. A well-attended community forum was held on November 16 to introduce the proposed amendments and get feedback from citizens. As a result of that forum, the board made several revisions to the amendments. The first official public hearing was held on December 14, and as a result of that presentation and feedback, the Board decided to withdraw the Steep Slopes Conservation Overlay District for further study. The three remaining amendments, dealing with protection of our water resources, were taken to a final public hearing on January 18. These three proposed amendments will appear on a written ballot on Town Meeting Day. The Planning Board encourages voters to support these amendments by voting yes.

Based on recommendations in the new master plan, members of the Planning Board initiated petitions to place three articles on the 2006 Town Meeting Warrant:

- to establish a Conservation Commission, consisting of 5 members and 1 alternate to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The purpose of the commission will be to promote the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and the protection of the watershed resources of Orange.
- to designate the undeveloped portion of Burnt Hill Road starting at the intersection with Cardigan Mountain Road to a distance of 1.4 miles at the entrance of the Senter Gravel Pit as a scenic road, for the purposes of protecting and enhancing the scenic beauty of Orange.
- to place all future revenue collected from the land use change tax in a conservation fund for the purpose of possible future acquisition of land for conservation purposes.

Over the years, many citizens of Orange have hoped that the Town could acquire more land around the Town House, which is situated on a very small lot only .27 acre in size. In early January, the Planning Board sent a proposal to the Terhune family which recently purchased the land adjacent to the Town House. The proposal outlined the recommendation from the master plan to acquire more land to establish an undeveloped natural woodland buffer around the Town House to protect and preserve its scenic and historic setting in a permanent manner. The Terhune family responded with a very generous offer to donate two acres of their land for that purpose. An article will appear on the town meeting warrant to accept this generous gift.

Again, I would like to thank the members of the Planning Board for their dedication and commitment to our community. And we again thank the citizens of Orange for your interest and support, and invite you to continue to help us promote our community's vision for the future as stated in the Master Plan:

**“Over the next ten years, Orange should remain a rural residential community with a small town atmosphere, protecting its natural and historic resources, preserving its scenic beauty and rural character, sustaining its uncrowded and quiet living conditions, and maintaining those special qualities that make Orange a desirable place to live.”**

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Proulx, Chairman

## **ROAD AGENT REPORT 2005**

I would first like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in keeping the roads passable this year by removing fallen tree limbs and debris when they came upon them. Also, I appreciate the help of those that pick up trash along our road sides. A special thanks to Remacle Construction and his experienced personal in keeping roads open under all weather conditions.

As you well know, the year was not without many serious weather problems in our area.. Although, the Town was in good shape when compared to other towns around us. Almost all our monies budgeted for other projects were put on hold so the roads could be maintained against the heavy winds, rain and snow.

FEMA reimbursed the Town for two snow storm emergencies early in the year. Thank you to Andy Ware for doing the paperwork. The Town spent a great deal of money cleaning all the ditches, a recommendation from FEMA.. This was a worthwhile expense that saved us from heavy damage this fall due to heavy rains. Unfortunately, we received no FEMA money for this.

The year 2006 will be especially difficult as we try to make up for lost ground in 2005, and continue to improve on our plan for scheduled maintenance..

Respectfully submitted  
George White, Road Agent  
Town of Orange

## **TOWN OF ORANGE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

In 1993, a scholarship fund was started to honor Mary Rickson, a long time resident of Orange. We offer a scholarship to every graduating senior from the Town of Orange who plans to further his/her education. The interested senior is asked to write a short essay about our town – past, present or future – and to serve two hours of community service. We have awarded 11 scholarships thus far.

To raise money for scholarships, we held the 6<sup>th</sup> annual dinner before the Town Meeting in March. It was an Italian dinner and greatly enjoyed by all. In August during the Mercado, preliminary exposure and purchase reservations were made for our 2006 Town of Orange calendars

Our activities are growing and becoming more diverse and interesting. We are open to new ideas, participants, and donations as always. We currently have \$2859.00 in our account and are striving to increase the scholarship fund.

As we begin our 12<sup>th</sup> year, we would like to thank the residents of the Town of Orange for rallying behind us and making these scholarships possible. Thank you to all who helped in any capacity. We could not have done this without you.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hamel, Rosemary Haness, Marilyn Johnson, Barb Smith,  
Anita Watson

Town of Orange Scholarship Committee

December 31, 2005

#### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

1995 – Kimo Johnson

1996 – Lauren Ludwig

1997 – Laura Desrochers

1999 – Darcy Decato, Kristin Eastman

2000 – Ben Stacy

2002 – Tony Campe, Heidi Burns

2003 – Ryan Morancy

2004 – James Cross, Josh Watson

## REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER 2005

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

Fire activity was high during the first several weeks of the 2005 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme danger in the southern and central portions of the state. This period of increased initial attack activity prompted a 5-day ban on open burning, the first such ban in several years. Despite the dry conditions, the state's largest wildfire was contained at 29 acres. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 10 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) Please help

Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Fire Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2005 FIRE STATISTICS  
(all fires reported thru November 04, 2005)

TOTALS BY COUNTY                      CAUSE OF FIRE REPORTED

	# of fires	Acres +/-		
Belknap	61	12	Arson	2
Carroll	89	5	Campfire	34
Cheshire	20	25	Children	29
Coos	52	7	Smoking	40
Grafton	59	8.	Debris	284
Hillsborough	25	103	Railroad	1
Merrimack	89	23	Lightning	7
Rockingham	50	20	Equipment	5
Strafford	41	20	Misc*	111
Sullivan	12	8	(*misc: powerlines, fireworks,elect. Fences, etc.)	

TOTAL FIRES & APPROX. ACRES

2005	513	174
2003	482	147
2002	374	100
2001	540	187

## GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2005

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountain (RSVP) . Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2005, 30 older residents of Orange were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Mascoma Area Senior Center:

- \* Older adults from Orange enjoyed 551 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- \* They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 14 visits by a trained social worker.
- \* Orange's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 351 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Orange residents in 2005 was \$3,787.33

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars which would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Orange's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

## **Town of Orange, Town Meeting Minutes March 8, 2005**

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm by Daniel Hazelton. Danny read Article 1:Election of Officers

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% except for resident taxes on taxes paid in full within twenty days from the date of the bills pursuant to RSA 80:52 on the condition that the taxpayer deduct the discount at time of payment.

Moved by Barbara Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat White. No discussion  
Article Passes.

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a revaluation of property and to

designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund for said purpose.

Moved by Don Pfaefflin seconded by Dick Jaeger. Discussion. Charlie said the revaluation team is about 90% finished at this time, but will wait until spring to do last of pickups. Current use is a large issue that they will work on.

Article passes.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 dollars to be paid into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve for the purpose of purchasing highway related equipment. Moved by Dorothy Heinrichs and seconded by Kristin Laine. No discussion.

Article passes.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2000) to be paid into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Town House building improvements. Moved by Barbara Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Fulton. Discussion. David Stacy spoke about the problems with the floor, the support underneath is just not adequate or safe and the floor is showing the weakness. Dave estimated about \$4000 just to replace beams and not including labor.

Article amended to read: for the purpose of Town House building improvements and to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund for said purpose. Bob Proulx amends, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Hall. Article amendment passes.

Barbara Smith also suggested that at the time of fixing the floor that more outlets be added around the hall as they are needed. Article 5 as amended passes.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant Fund of \$29,416.26 for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class 4 or 5 highways and for the purchase

of equipment. Said amount to be included in Article 13. (There was a misprint in the report as it said Article 7 but should read Article 13)  
Moved by Scott Sanborn seconded by Bob Proulx.  
No discussion. Article passes.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the Resident Tax  
(By petition)

Moved by Dorothy Heinrichs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Kuhn.

Discussion. Charlie Sova offers to Amend the Article to read shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:1C, which authorize any town or city to elect not to assess, levy and collect a resident tax, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dorothy Heinrichs. Dorothy explained her survey of this tax, of the 234 towns only 18 still asses this tax. It only brings in about \$1,800.00 and takes a lot of time and it's a nuisance to collect. If in the future at any time it could be brought back by rescinding the Article. Amendment passes.

Article 7 with amendment passes.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be paid into the Town Document Preservation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of restoring and preserving Town documents.

Moved by Beverly Ells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Proulx.

Article passes.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a position of Recreation Director to benefit the Town, naming Gary Hamel as director and to fund said position with an annual salary of \$600.00

(By petition)

Moved by Scott Lurgio and seconded by Dorothy Heinrichs.

Amended to read first Director of Cultural Affairs and recreation naming Gary Hamel as first Director, by Barbara Smith, seconded. Amendment passes.

Article passes.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt a noise control ordinance, pursuant to RSA 31:39 I(n), as follows:

**Town of Orange Noise Control Ordinance**

**Section 1 Prohibition.** Noise is considered objectionable and is prohibited if, either on public property including highways, or at the property line of the property where the noise is generated

(a) The maximum A-weighted noise level exceeds 65 decibels between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. or 55 decibels between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.; or (b) Noise is produced which contains one or more audible tonal components not masked by the ambient sound; or (c) The A-weighted noise level produced by a noise source exceeds the residual ambient sound level that exists without the noise source operating, by 15 decibels between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m., or by 10 decibels between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.

**Section 2 Measurement:** Violations under this ordinance shall be subject to verification using a sound meter meeting the standards of the American Standards Institute(ANSI S1.4-1983 American Standard Specification for General Purpose Sound Level Meters). The instrument shall be set to the A-weighted response scale and the meter to the slow response. Measurements shall be conducted in accordance with ANNSI S 12.31 and S 12.32 American Standard Meter for the Physical Measurement of Sound.

**Section 3 Exemptions:** This restriction shall not apply to:

- (a) Motor vehicles operated on public highways, aircraft, or
- (b) emergency vehicles or signals; (b) Residential, farm or
- (c) forestry equipment such as power tools, tractors, mowers,
- (d) skidders, and saws; (c) Church bells; or (d) Construction sites.

**Section 4 Penalty:** Any person who violates this ordinance, or who permits activities in violation of this ordinance upon land owned by such person, shall be guilty of a violation, and shall be fined \$275.00 for the first offense, and \$550.00 for any subsequent offense; each day of violation shall be deemed a separate offense.  
Moved Pat White, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kristin Laine.

## Discussion.

There was discussion that guns should be added to the exemption list. There was concern that ordinary objects like dirt bikes, guns, would be a cause for a complaint and since we are in the country it should be kept that way without an ordinance. It was pointed out that we need to do something to protect our property values our peace of mind and we need to have something on the books to help protect us and maybe have some weight to solve one of the real problems at this time which is the Canaan raceway. It was noted that most of us bought our property before the raceway was here, but it is affecting our quiet peaceful rural area and we should have a say in that problem. It was also mentioned that our Vision Statement in our Master Plan for Orange does say that we hope to keep Orange a rural and quiet area to live.

Amendment to Article: Under Section 3 Exemptions: (b) Residential, farm or forestry equipment such as power tools, tractors, mowers, skidders, saws, snowmobiles and motorcycles. (e) guns and ATV's. David Stacey,, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Smith.

Amendment to Article passes.

Move the question Robert Proulx, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Fulton. Article passes with amendment.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will authorize the Planning Board to review and approve or disapprove site plans for the development or change or expansion of use of tracts for non-residential uses or multi-family units which are defined as any structure containing more than two dwelling units, whether or not such development includes a subdivision or re-subdivision of the site. Moved by Robert Proulx 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Fulton.

Discussion. Bob explained that the Planning Board needs to implement this to the Master Plan in case it may need to be used in the future if needed. This would only be needed in case of Commercial, Industrial or Multi-family reviews for example.

Question moved by Charlie Sova 2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Smith.

Article passes.

Polls were closed at 8:05 p.m. Mr Kenyon arrived to pick-up the School Ballots.

**Article 12:** To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers and pass any vote relative thereto.

**Salary committee:** In 2003 a committee was formed to evaluate the current salaries paid to Orange town employees. The charge to the committee was twofold: compare the salaries to those paid employees so that the town may continue to retain and attract good and qualified people. The last pay adjustments for these positions were approved at Town Meeting in 1998. The committee’s recommendations, based on its findings and on public comment at the town budget hearing on February 9, 2005, follows:

Position	Current	Recommended
Selectmen (3)	\$1,300	\$1,500
Treasurer	\$ 800	\$1,000
Town Clerk	\$ 700	\$ 900
Tax Collector	\$ 800	\$1,200
Deputy Town Clerk	\$8.00/hr	\$10.00/hr
Road Agent	\$11.00/hr	\$12.00/hr
Policeman	\$12.00/hr	\$13.00/hr
Cemetery Agent	\$7.50/hr	\$9.00/hr
Health Officer	\$7.00/hr	\$9.00/hr
Building Inspector	\$7.00/hr	\$9.00/hr
Moderator	\$25/day	\$75/day
Super/Checklist (3)	\$25/day	\$50/day
Budget Comm. (3)	\$60	\$100
Auditors (2)	\$60	\$120
Trustee of Funds (3)	\$100	\$100 unchanged

Committee Members: Frank Giner, Kelly Kinney, Stuart Smith, Kathy Stacy and Jim Collins, chair. Amended to read the increase would add \$5500.00 (with FICA) to the 2005 budget. Moved seconded, article passes. Committee commended for the fine job done.

A true copy attest:  
Carol E Decato  
Town Clerk Orange

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
NOVEMBER 15, 2005

Daniel Hazelton brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He explained the rules of the meeting. He proceeded to read the Town Warrant:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** to meet at the Town House in said Orange on Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005, at seven o'clock p.m. to act upon the following subject.

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemption from the property tax in the Town as provided in RSA 72:39-b. The question to be voted on as required by RSA 72:39-b, I(c), is as follows:

“Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Orange, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75

years, \$25,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$33,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$50,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$17,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$29,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$70,000."

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN)

Article moved by Charlie Sova and seconded by Bill Fulton. Discussion; David Stacey asked if the value of the house counted as part of the net assets of \$70,000? Charlie Sova said the law excluded the value of the residence. Bill Fulton said it should be house and land (as clarified) The question was moved with no more discussion. Article passed

**ARTICLE 2:** To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting not on the warrant.

No other business at this time. Daniel Hazelton made an announcement that the town calendar was available for sale with proceeds going to the scholarship fund.

Town meeting adjourned 7:10 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Patricia White,  
Town Clerk  
Town of Orange  
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